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Please go through this. Very inspiring

1/ At 107, there’s nothing I can’t do! I wake up at 3 AM, go to my farm before all my workers and after a whole day of ploughing and harvesting, I cycle down to the market to sell my produce!

2/ There were no formal schools when I was growing up; I’m self-taught. I was 14 when I got married and inherited a piece of Appa’s land after.

3/ In those days, married women were confined to four walls, but I didn’t want to sit idle. So, at 16, I started my first venture–I set up an idli-vada shop. This was the 1950’s–I’d make about 20 Rs a month!

4/My husband and I couldn’t have kids, so we adopted. Years passed by, my son grew up, but still I kept myself occupied–at 35, I was appointed as the first woman Sarpanch of my village. After, I’d travel to farmers’ meets–there, I learnt about organic farming; I was fascinated!

5/So, at 50, I invested all my money and bought 10 acres of land where I started cultivating my own crops. I didn’t make a lot of money, but I was content! After keeping what was needed for me and my husband, I’d donate the extra produce.

6/ And 57 years later, my routine is still the same. In fact now, my workload has increased–the thing is, this younger lot is very lethargic, so I have to constantly sit on their heads to get the work done. Even my great grandson, who’s 16, needs a break every half an hour.

7/ I tell him, ‘Wake up you lazy boy!’
In all these years, I haven’t taken a single day off and after I turned 100, I became the talk of town. On my centenary, 3000 villagers threw a party for me–I fed them kheer and chicken biryani; we danced to folk songs.

8/ People even started inviting me to weddings to bless the couple; they called me their good luck charm!
Now, when I think of it, from running an idli-vada shop, to being a Sarpanch, to owning an organic farm to being a lucky mascot, I’ve lived quite a life, no?

9/ But life continues to surprise me–just 2 weeks ago, I got a call from Delhi saying, I'm being awarded the Padma Shri! And now, hundreds queue up outside my house to buy my produce! Some of them ask me to pose with a big smile while the others ask me to look stern

10/ –I find everything so funny. Just yesterday, I gave 30 interviews! My grandson keeps telling me, 'Patti, you've become a celebrity!' I chuckle and retort, 'When was I not?'"

She is Kamalathal of Coimbatore. Padma Winner. Very nice to see they are being honored by this Govt

